

# Search on for Miss Acton

## Special to The Tanner

This year is the 34th year for the Miss Acton Fall Fair pageant. This event kicks off the Friday night program, and is part of the opening ceremonies for the Fair.

Contrary to the belief that it is a beauty pageant, this is actually an agricultural-based pageant. Contestants need not have an agricultural background but should be familiar with the town of Acton. Contestants must be 16 years of age and live in Acton, Limehouse, Ballinafad and/or Rockwood, or attend Acton High School.

The winner will reign for a period of one year—the highlight being the Agricultural Convention held at the Royal York hotel in Toronto in Feb-

ruary, and the CNE Ambassador of the Fairs in August.

Representing Acton at various other functions throughout the year offers the winner the chance to develop self-esteem and public speaking abilities. It offers valuable experience in the field of public relations as well as allowing the winner to learn about the community and people of Acton.

The Miss Acton Pageant is generously supported by the local businesses and merchants in Acton and Rockwood. These people donate all the prizes for the pageant. The gifts and sponsors' names are displayed in the window of Acton Musicland on Mill Street.

The pageant format con-

sists of three preliminary judgments (an interview, an on-stage appearance and a two-minute speech) and a finalist judging. The contests will need two outfits for the pageant (one office wear and one evening wear). The services of a make-up artist have been retained for the pageant at no charge to the contestants.

The rehearsal for the pageant will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7 pm at the Acton Arena and the pageant is on Friday. The winner and two runners-up will be in attendance for the duration of the Fair.

For more information or to sign up, please call Linda Robson at 853-1591. Please leave a message or come to the rehearsal.



**SIGN SAYS IT ALL:** Captain Larry Jennings of the Salvation Army shows the sign his church has had to display following a break-in and robbery of audio equipment.

## Salvation Army hit by thieves

BY KAREN WETMORE  
The Acton Tanner

Entering your home or work to find you have been the victim of a robbery is unnerving at the least. But it leaves behind a different feeling altogether when the location struck is a place of worship.

Thieves broke into the Salvation Army on Sunday, August 17, just hours after one of the regular outdoor services held in the Acton IGA parking lot. They walked out with an estimated \$7,500 worth of audio equipment including two five-foot column speakers, microphones, a power bar, VCR and telephone.

"It's not what you want to face on a Monday morning, or any morning," said Captain Larry Jennings who found out about the theft the

next morning.

The thieves tried to break in through the side of the sanctuary, but couldn't break the tempered glass on the windows. They then moved to the back door of the building and broke the bottom half window to get inside.

Jennings feels the culprits knew what they were after, since they left behind other valuable things such as the office computers. He gave police descriptions of some people who were seen watching, but not taking part in, the last outdoor service.

The summer's final outdoor service, which on average attracts about 50 participants, had to be moved indoors because of the robbery. If the robbery had happened earlier in the summer, he feels more people would have been upset.

"People would walk by and stop and listen to the services — they do enjoy them," Jennings said, adding at least one person has joined the church from first experiencing an outdoor service.

The whole break-in episode has left Jennings angry. "It goes to show you how low people will stoop to satisfy their greed," he said last Wednesday. "We'll be able to replace our equipment in a couple of weeks but it still leaves you with an uneasy feeling — will they come back?"

Insurance will cover the costs of the equipment, although buying all new items will mean the church will have to pay out a substantial amount. Added to their costs will be a security system.

Jennings says he doesn't expect to see the equipment again.

"But we'll pray that those who took it will come to justice."



### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Region of Halton Road Rationalization Study

#### Public Information Centre Notice

**What:** Region of Halton Road Rationalization Study

**When:** September 10, 1996

7:00 p.m. Open House  
7:30 p.m. Presentation  
8:00 p.m. Discussion

**Where:** Halton Hills Civic Centre Council Chamber

**Why:** Regional Council is seeking comments from area municipalities on the criteria for defining major arterial roads and a preliminary major arterial road network concept. Halton Hills Council requested Region of Halton staff attendance at a public information centre to explain the regional road rationalization study. Please plan on attending the meeting to learn more about the study and to express your views.

Trafalgar Road, Winston Churchill Boulevard, Mountainview Road/Ninth Line, and the combination of 15 Side Road, Maple Avenue and River Drive are identified in the regional report.

**Contact:** Bruce MacLean, Planning Director at 873-2600.

Copies of Report PPW-44-96 Rationalization of the Major Arterial Road Network in Halton may be obtained from the Town of Halton Hills Planning Department.

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